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The League to Enforce Peace Not a League to Enforce Peace?

At the request of Mr. HAMILTON Hour, the intelligent and patriotic editor of the Independent and the vice-chairman of the League to Enforce Peace, we print the letter that seem to refer directly to anything THE SUN has said about the abandonment of the Monroe Doctrine:

"To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir; When a movement as vital as the League to Enforce Peace is seen to be sweeping over the country, it is to be expected that doubters, objectors and maligners will arise.

"But would it not be a good plan if the league's opponents, before becoming vocal or rushing into print, should read the twenty-two words in the league's preamble, the one hundred and sixtyfour words contained in its four proposals, and the sixty-five words added as the official interpretation of Article III.?

"Thus in the Senate last week no less a statesman than Senator BozaH was moved to say:

"'Suppose the United States and Argentina and some of the nations of Burope enter into a League to Enforce Peace, and let us suppose that Argentina and one of the Governments of Europe disagree in one of their disputes and Argentina refuses to submit her dispute to an international tribunal or to a council of conciliation. Under the doctrine of the League to Enforce Peace we would not only have agreed that the European nations could come here and get in war with Argentina, but if we has been repudiated, in the name of were called upon we would have to join with our army and navy to enforce the matter against Argentina.

"This, of course, is a misstatement of the league's position. Article III, of the platform, as interpreted by the executive mmittee, reads as follows:

"The signatory Powers shall jointly use forthwith their economic forces proposal to the belligerents. against any of their number that reany question which arises to an international judicial tribunal or council of concillation before issuing an ultimatum or threatening war. They shall follow this by the joint use of their military forces against that nation if it actually proceed to make war or invade another's territory."

"It follows, therefore, that if Argen tina refuses to refer her dispute with a European Power to an international tribunal or council of conciliation, the siderable number of the women who tence. The Federal Government has not still carries as a memento of the joyous other members of the league will not want the ballot will approve of the reached the same plane in dealing with hand are puffed and discolored. make war, but 'forthwith use their eco- action of certain suffragists in picketnomic forces' against her. Indeed, they lng the White House. To propose and Kansas sentiment that is gratifying to son Dusters went away in the ambuwill not proceed against Argentina at carry out such a scheme implies menall with their military forces unless Ar- tal attributes not favorable to a proper gentina actually makes war on the Eu- exercise of the right to vote, ropean Power. Of course if she submits her case to a court or council and then tion this silly and ineffective peris dissatisfied with the decision or recommendation she can then make war without any resistance whatsoever by the league.

"A more flagrant misstatement of the position of the League to Enforce Peace is made by Mr. Roosevent in his diatribe against the league in the February Metropolitan Magazine. Says he:

"The proposals of this league vary somewhat from time to time; but in their essence they are that nations shall arbitrate all questions and that they shall agree to enforce the decrees of the arbitral court by war.'

"In the first place, the league's pro posats have not been changed one lota which his career epitomizes is closed; since their adoption at Independence Indians no longer menace the settlers. Hall, Philadelphia, June 17, 1915. In the bad men are more likely to be the second place, there is no proposal found in the centres of population whatsoever 'to enforce the decrees of than on the plains, and the opportunithe arbitral court by war.' The pro- ties for such men as Copy in the Uniposal is not even to enforce a reference to the court or council of conciliation by venture there is, but it is not found war. The only time that force can be in hunting the redmen or heading the invoked by the league is when the league | vigilance committee; nor shall we see proceeds against a nation that goes to again the social conditions that gave war without first submitting its case to birth to the race he typified. a court or council of conciliation.

"The League to Enforce Peace enforces delay. It does not enforce a rider at 15. It is not improbable judgment. Is any American statesman Boys born in his surroundings in 1845 unwilling to have the United States go early became self-reliant, self-depend-HAMILTON HOLT,

force Peace.

"New York, January 9."

It will at once strike most readers of Mr. Holl's interesting letter that inct with the adventurers themselves. if the League to Enforce Peace is, as A gun was not an assassin's hidden he protests, not a league to enforce weapon, but the daily wear of men peace, but merely a league to enforce whose lives might depend on the fracdelay, the name of the organization tion of a second. Trappers, hunters, should be changed from the League to Indians, pioneers, horse thieves, gam-Enforce Peace to the League to En- blers, the good and the bad, the reckforce Delay.

posal; for the present title is conessedly non-descriptive.

Apart from the question of the merits of this suggestion of a change of name we beg to remind Mr. HOLT that whatever may or may not be the inaccuracies of Senator BORAH'S or Colonel Roosevelt's interpretation of the purposes and policies of the league of which our correspondent is vice-chairman, THE SUN has not misstated them, for it has not even been discussing them.

Our remarks on the subject of the abandonment of the Monroe Doctrine have been addressed not to the pro gramme or creed of any unofficial organization of well meaning citizens who want to do what they can to banish from earth the horrors and miseries of war, but to a specific proposal and pledge submitted to the Powers of Europe by the President of the United States in the name of the Government and the people of the United States.

Mr. HOLT will see that the League of Powers which Mr. Wilson proposes for the Enforcement of Peace is quite a different thing from the league of excellent and honorable citizens of which Mr. Hour is vice-chairman. He will see that the enforce ment of peace contemplated in Mr. nation's every influence and resource goes far beyond the very limited

scheme of enforcement as set forth in Mr. Holl's communication to us Mr. Wilson's league would be in fact a league to police the world in order follows. We are glad to print it thus to enforce peace; Mr. Holl's league conspicuously, although it does not is avowedly nothing more than a league to enforce delay in declaring war, and to guit police duty as soon as the offender, however guilty he may be, has been in the court room and heard the sentence of the court. We hope the distinction is obvious.

Practically what is aimed at in Mr. Wilson's proposal to the belligerents is a continuous enforcement of peace by cooperative military effort and a continuous guarantee of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the smaller and weaker peoples of the world. The scheme of Mr. HOLT's league, as stated by him in the foregoing communication, would never accomplish that: for the attempt to enforce peace would cease as soon as any of the disturbers of peace had gone through the form of arbitration proceedings and refused to accept the

So while Mr. HOLT is talking about one thing, in the name of the admirable association of which he is vice chairman, Mr. Wilson has been talking of quite another thing, in the name of the Government and the people of which and of whom he is President; and he has been talking without warrant of authority.

Now, Mr. Wilson's unauthorized pledge of cooperation to the limit of the nation's influence and resources the Government, by the Senate of the United States, the only body constitutionally capable of validating it. Of its indersement by popular sen

timent there is not yet the slightest evidence. Indeed, public sentiment seems to us to be running strong against the President's precipitate

And what a comedown it would be for the President to narrow his ideas of peace enforcement to the dimensions of the much feebler enterprise which Mr. Holl's excellent and respected leaguers have in view -the League not of Prevention but only of Delay!

Picketing the White House.

Do the real suffrage leaders sancformance?

The Real Cody.

We like to forget Buffalo Bill, purveyor of meat to railroad laborers, chief of a theatrical exhibition, and recall WILLIAM F. CODY, pony express rider, Government guide and scout, soldier and lawmaker. In this figure is compressed the adventure and romance of a nation in the making. harsh and rude, but illuminated by the fine qualities of devotion and courage and marked by exhibitions of rare skill and amazing endurance. The chapter of American development ted States are greatly reduced. Ac-

If history is not a liar, which well may be, Coor became a pony express ent. They were born on horseback, "Vice-Chairman of the League to En- the lore of the plains came as a natural heritage to them and the spirit of during was distilled into their veins, not through the medium of the printed page, but through actual conless and the cautious; each bore the

quickly show themselves

That life was the making of many men. It had its unlovely aspects perhaps as many of these as the dis quieting facets of more sheltered existences. Some men it ruined just as Its flesh was sun dried in great quansurely as they would have been ruined nuder other conditions; but its best products were singularly appealing They stood out as exemplars of those habits and characteristics that most strongly affect the imagination. No romancer's pen is needed to enhance the exploits of the heroes of those days when in the simple and straight forward transactions of an uncomplicated society every tub stood on its own bottom or stood not at all. And Copy, alert, resourceful, confident steadfast, here honorable share in the perils and triumphs of a perplexing and dangerous period.

As a showman he made the plains life of a generation ago familiar to the world. It was not an unpraiseworthy ecomplishment; he preserved for a few years what progress had doomed to extinction, and made it live for those who otherwise would have known it not. But Buffalo Brit. shooting glass balls in Madison Square Garden did not measure up to scout Copy who in personal combat slew Chief YELLOW JACKET. Far be-Witson's unauthorized pledge of this hind the theatrical figure there fell the shadow of a fine pioneer who must not be forgotten in the later and sophisticated product of a less compelling environment.

Merely a Blunder of \$3,538,000.

THE SUN has said that in comparison with the financial problem of the State all the other questions that are to come before the Legislature are trivial. How disquieting the present situation is the subjoined despatch

"ALBANY, January 9 .- Those who com piled figures for Governor WHITMAN'S tentative budget made the mistake of adding a \$3,530,000 surplus twice, thus making the resources of the State for the maxt fiscal year appear to be \$56. 495.000."

An error of \$3.530,000 embalmed in the official calculations of the State's officers is of sufficient consequence to convince even the most obtuse that the system which permits it is fatally defective. It is of little use to utter the censures against individuals that are naturally inspired by such a blunder. The essential cause, the fundais in the practice which neglects obvious checks against mistakes of this kind. As any individual is likely to fall into such an error, so every precaution should be taken to guard against it. Such precautions the State does not take and has not taken in the past. Until this condition is remedied we shall make no progress dition of the treasury.

On the Higher Plane. Kansas, tremulous as an aspen at was almost riven to flinders when the congratulates the State on its narrow escape:

enlightened States. Kansas belongs in this rank and long ago did away with Dusters, with whom he immediately It is hard to believe that any con- the taking of human life by judicial sen- fell out. One unfading "shiner" he homicide, but it shows a respect for he kept his roll, and one of the Hudthis State in rescinding an order for the lance. The others limped.

had said editorially:

"Of the sixty-four murders by mobs trated in a Northern State was that at Olathe in Kansas last fall."

Kansas has always had its own way of doing things.

In the course of time the remainder of the States and the Federal Government may succeed in reaching 1 look like calling on a nice old lady "the same plane" upon which Kansas now?" says Fred. already so loftily dwells.

The Buffalo Coming Back. The Buffalo Coming Back. business is not so busy."

The American bison, or buffalo, is And now, telling about it, "Hell!" increasing in number, according to the annual report of the biological survey. and the danger of complete extinction, that once threatened, apparently no longer exists.

slaughterers is one of the most interesting of our attempts at conservation. It is estimated that at one time within the past century there in dignified action. were as many as 75,000,000 of these great, unwieldy creatures on the North American continent; early days in passing, that halted steam. that was not equal to the natural increase of the berds.

The slaughter began when the railronds crossed the prairies and opened think straight. up unexplored tracts to the hide hunters. Thousands were killed merely for a slice of their hump or tongue. For years hunters sold an average of 2,000,000 hides annually. In 1889 the number of American bison, wild and captive, was only 1,091. There are now, perhaps, in North Amer ica as many as 4,000. The largest This is certainly a reasonable pro- burden of his own preservation. In herd is in the national park at Wain-

fifty in its two largest parks, has as large a herd as there is in some of

the Western reservations. The buffalo was the most numerous and valuable animal of this country. titles and made excellent beef; the bones, borns and sinews were all utilized, and the hide was made into lodges, harness, canoes and winter truth that it seems proper that a statelothing. Buffalo meat cannot be bought, and a hide, which once sold for a few dollars, would cost \$100, ing the railroad managers of "deliber Had the buffalo been conserved in time instead of being so ruthlessly slaughtered it would to-day have had an economic value to the country difficult to overestimate.

THE SUN believes that Mrs. BALLING. onvicted and sentenced to be hanged.

endure by the aforesald sentence to that the State prison during his natural

It appears to be the fact that for any work at all. Later, when he accepted work, his ingenuity was shown converting tools and materials to instruments of escape. He seemed willing to work only when the employment was of a nature that would lend itself to his almost constant efforts to break jail, and for that reason many, perhaps most, of his years have been spent in physical idleness

Perhaps it would be possible to identify OLIVER OSBORNE as the man

One of the exhibits of pork which THE SUN held up to public view was the proposed appropriation of \$45,000 for a post office at Algona, Iowa, where terials, with the reasonable assurance we quoted the figures of the Government as to population and postal re-The article brings a moan from the Algona Courier:

Algona a great injustice. having a population of 2,908 it now has a population of 4,000, and instead of post office receipts being \$15,210 they are well over \$16,000 and are rapidly increasing.

How great the injustice was the reader who compares the census figures with the Courier's estimate must decide. From \$15,210 to "well over mental basis for the miscalculation, \$16,000" may be by leaps and bounds in Iowa. It would never do for Kentucky, where the folks in Hazard went from 537 to 4,000 without a flutter.

When a porkhound is trying to get into the barrel, anybody who steps on his toe is doing him a great injustice.

WEST STREET WAYS.

Who knows not West street knows toward the improvement of the con- not life. Consider this passage in the life of Fred Wieser, West streeter. Produce man. Physically, a bear. Vo-Ingurgitates gratefully if not gracefully, on the driest day of his life, enough red licker for the ruin he barbaric idea of preparedness, of a hundred men in a temperance shivered again until its capital dome Worker's speech. Works hard, earns for his firm two dollars for every one of the \$2,400 a year they pay him. erude Federal Government planned to Lives in a West street hotel, pays the execute a negro murderer on the proprietor a small part of his earn-Leavenworth military reservation, ings for room rent, and the rest in Through its Representatives and Sen. driblets over the bar. Has no depen-

Holiday time, Fred's appreciative timent." Governor ARTHUR CAPPER'S employers treated him to a bonus, 10 newspaper, the Topeka Capital, thus per cent, on a year's salary. A week before he had made a sale for them. against seemingly decisive odds of "The death penalty is a relic of less berries promising to rot in a glutted The death penalty is a rend of less market. And just before New Year's civilized ages and is being abolished by Fred fell in one night with eight or nine active members of the Hudson occasion, and the knuckles of his left

execution of one of its convicts on KanDecember Fred had received a letter from a maiden aunt in Ohio, "Dear Two days before this the Capital Freddy," she said; "I have not seen you for many years. I am an old woman now, and do not expect to live You are the only one of all the during the year the only one perpe. folks I care to see, and I want to see you soon. I have something important to tell you." "Bless the old girl." cried Fred; "she's going to leave me some of her money. She has a lot of it." And he wrote back: "Will take a week off, and will be with you Jan-

uary 6. And then the Hudson Dusters! "Do

He wrote again: "Owing to busy times in the market, must postpone my visit. Will take the week off when

says Fred; "it's a ten to one shot the old girl dies before I'm fit to go, and she's just quick enough on the trigger to call it all off, make a new will and kick the bucket before I can see her and make it right." But Fred would The rescue of the buffalo from the stand equally well the gain or the 'loss' of the money.

Translated into more elegant terms Fred's story has, without essential modifications, appeared more than once

What the Fight Is About.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sic: travellers tell of herds that were am gradually learning to understand the Allies in the European war boats on the upper Missouri and are fighting with no intention of constopped wagon and railway trains on a tight grip on most of Germany's the Western plains. The number colonies, France wishes Alsace-Lorraine killed by the Indians in their hunts italy desires a big stice of Austria and Russia wants Constantinople. But it this looks like conquest to me it's be cause my mother was born in Germany and of course I can't be expected to NEW YORK, January 10.

A Form for Leak Evidence Q. (sareastleally)

(heatedly) (harshly) (hitterly) (furlously)

such a school courage and tenacity wright, Alberta. This city, with about LESS THAN SIX PER CENT. The Truth About Last Year's Large Rallway Earnings.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The editorial article under the caption "Need of Public Ownership of Railroads Again Shown." appearing in the New York Evening Journal of January 6 presents an argument based on asment should be made in reply to it.

Railroad Trainmen is quoted as accusately trying to make the expense of adsarily high." The assumption is then dogmas and theories, influenced by The business of pearl button making made that this assumed action is either "for the purpose of accomplishing the repudiation of the eight hour law" or of "boosting the apparent increase the cost of operation in order to make TON BOOTH has been misinformed as further extortions from the public by to JESSE POMEROT'S SENTENCE. He was means of increased freights and passen ger fares." As the major premise i The Supreme Court reviewed without this argument is untrue the conclusion avail his defence of insanity. On Au- is necessarily false. The railroads have gust 31, 1876, after the Governor's Coun- not been deliberately trying to increase cil had listened to a review of exten- their operating expenses, but on the commuted the death sentence in these every possible effort constantly to de crease operating expenses, and with a very considerable degree of success, our Council, grant to him, the said any analysis of the facts would reveal.

JESSE HARDING POMEROY, a commutation Any charge made to the contrary is utterly unfounded and unfair, as any one who cares to investigate the fact can discover.

Other conclusions equally unsound ar reached in this editorial article, the chief of which is that referring to the prosperity of the railroads this year as beyond anything ever heard of on The bald fact is that while the year 1916 showed the largest not earnings of any year in the history of American railroads even these earnings showed a return of less than 6 per cent, upon the railroad property devoted to the use of the public, and in comparison with the earnings enjoyed by other branches of industrial and com-The attractions offered to capital in almost every other line of business have been so great that railroad expansion to meet the needs of the country on the present basis has been limited with this increased earning has come a pense and less income. Not only is there no business basis for reducing rates as is suggested, but the "THE SUN's statement of the case does fact is that railroad earnings to-day are Instead of not adequate to enable the roads to meet the existing needs of commerce.

The suggestion that without a redution of rates we shall see "a new orky of stock watering" is equally ill founded The railroads are to-day asking that the Federal Government shall assume super- he did it, his answer was: regulation and operation on their part sumption is simply built on ignorance of sonal integrity of railroad executives is also unwarranted. I think it other men or their word any less reliable. Nor can it be shown that they cannot be trusted under oath.

The final fallacy of this unsound arcapitalization per mile, charge the lowest story and life of this man, and Through its Representatives and Sendents, and enjoys life to the hilt. Has after at Washington the State relations at Washington the State relations at Washington the State relationship in the stability of the industry of even such results might be approximated had the free run of the prison gallery in our uncoordinated democracy is un- through having contrived the secret of Under the influence of the heat the shells most concerned, the failure believable. It is necessary only to opening his cell. read the reports of the Post Office At the time of this man's arrest he Department recently submitted to Con- was a child 14 years old; his crime was gress to gain a suggestion of the evils committed when he was only 13, and he impracticable and archaic methods, in- a crime to-day, with our present knowl-efficiency, political interference and diffi- edge of medical jurisprudence, he would Government operation of railroads. The evils of the pork barrel would be in-creased to an alarming degree if this Call will give him the privilege of worksuch control.

The whole experience of this country has been to prove that private ownership and operation are vastly more efficlent than public ownership. ment in favor of Government ownership of railroads cannot stand if based upon such false assumptions and incorrect this Government ownership idea would asters which would inevitably follow in its trail would be serious

FRANK TRUMBULL. Chaleman Railway Executives' Advisory

NEW YORK, January 10.

HENRY CLAY. His Politics.

To the Epiton of The Sin-Sir: In the Sin of Saturday, January 6, you pub-

hed a letter from Mr. Lewis of Holyoke. Mass, who quotes Henry Ciny and speaks cannot let that statement go unchal enged. To call Henry Clay a Democrat is to

nuch for me, a descendant of old in Vhige. ROBERT A. COCHEAN, MATSVILLE, Ky., January 8.

He Was a Little "d" Democrat. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1 am

lay by calling him a democrat. To b mocratic has always been considered corthy attribute in this country. Henry lay was a fine old democrat. The word. as is well known, can be used in the good Pacific Railroad was contemplated the as well as in the baser meaning. impossible to resist writing of the words of Henry Cl "A mistake is bad enough, but an explanation is much more damaging.

HOLTORE, Mass., January 10 THOSE EIGHT CENT MEALS.

Call for Particulars of the Exact Quantitles Consumed.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: We are much interested up here in the diet that those brawny policemen are to be fed on. Will it be asking too much of the experimenters for them to give the quantities of food bought and the prices paid that we may form some idea of how much is eaten?

I hope the twelve men will not be like that Frenchman's horse who, when he got used to living on two straws w iny, un and died. EMMA GOODELL SPRINGFIELD, Mass. January 9.

JUSTICE OUR HOPE. Foundation for the Bellef in Cor

scious Immortality. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: MI August Stender in his letter to THE Sun expresses the opinion that the ques tion of immortality may well be left to the individual's solution, his own choice being an eternal rest, or Nirvana.

When we consider the limitations of he five senses for its impressions, and President Lee of the Brotherhood of possibly a vague, more subtle sixth shall ever arrive at any solution of the eternal question which will satisfy everybody, so we shall continue to lean upon

But the one fundamental principles that is intelligible to all minds is the of 1890. principle of justice, and as the short! space of human life and conditions which upon a future existence and a Supreme Justice to square the account. seems the simplest explanation of the hope for conscious immortality, I admit that Nirvana must be blissful.

ut is it logical? GLEN RIDGE, N. J., January 10,

JESSE POMEROY'S CASE. Confinement "Without Work."

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I the editorial article on Jesse Pomeroy. It is just such articles ap- through the thickness of the shell. pearing in papers in Boston and other type of depravity and have inflamed the terior.

ninds of the people against him. My prison work of the last twenty making. Properly the "buckhorn" or depression. This is followed by years, well known to all our Jovernors button making is the "buckhorn" or depression. This is followed by years, well known to all our Jovernors button making is the "buckhorn" or depression. This is followed by two or four holes for the thread. My prison work of the last twenty by its practical results that I am no some shells measuring nine inches in spected the rights of society as keenly the supply is irregular and uncertain s I have those of the men within the walls. and a "wretch," and that you should small size but thick and of a fine color. make the following statement: there was never an indication that the are more or less abundant and yield a monster within him was dead." You are not aware of one very im-

portant thing regarding Jesse Pomeroy's button sentence. Many men are sentenced to thin or tacking in uniform color. These life in prison; and even life in solitary include the "bull head," "warty back," confinement, which was an exceptional sentence, might not seem cruel. But perhaps you are not aware of the fact summer and fall, when the rivers are that his sentence was life imprisonment in solitary confinement "without work." ple who have been engaged in other It is in those last two words that the ruelty lay. It is true that from time familiar with the river. The apparatus to time Jesse Pomeroy has made efforts most used is the hand rake, tongs, a to cut his way out of prison, and when rake hauled by means of a windlass. for twenty-eight years, asked him why with hooks. vision of the issuance of railroad se- it gives me something to think about; essentially all alike. The tongs, known growth of the mussels and t absolutely to the principle of Federal is an old adage that Satan finds some ordinary oyster and clam tongs used by mischief still for idle hands to do, and salt water systemen. They are used n the public interest. Any other as- I believe that you or I or any other

shown that they are any different from though they realized this was an innever looked upon it as a vicious trait. gument is the suggestion that in Gov- of the vicious tendencies that charac- glowly. As the prongs come in contact rnment ownership all the problems of terized his early childhood. For twenty with the mussels, which rest the railroads would be solved. Ameri- years I have worked in Charlestown bottom of the river, with their shells mately \$10,000,000 worth each can railroads to-day have the lowest prison. I have known intimately the turned up stream and open to admit the seems destined to have a st freight rates and pay the highest wages cially from the chaplain, who was his and retain a tight hold. After drifting through indiscriminate methods of any railroads in the whole world, intimate friend, have I heard only good a short distance the dredge is drawn in ply of mussels may be so so Their operating efficiency is the greatest of him. He has educated himself in and the mussels are removed. The daily duced that the continuance of prison and is a reader of scientific works catch by this method averages from 800 best. In Germany, to which the writer and of good literature. He has written to 1,000 pounds of shells. After ice has The possibility of the early the Evening Journal refers, freight articles of considerable merit. When he formed on the river there is considerable rates are nearly double those charged made clever contrivances with which to mussel fishing through the ice with Bureau of Fisheries to make in this country and such efficiency as dig his way out, he never showed any shoulder rakes and scissor rakes.

At the time of this man's arrest he picked out by hand. When this opera- at least, of many thousands which would attend any Government was a child with marked signs of epiownership. They openly complain of lepsy. If such a child committed such culty in dealing with employees, all of never be sent to State prison, but would which would be highly intensified in be treated medically for his mental Personally I hope that Governor Mc-

great interest should be subjected to ing and living with his comrades in No warden or chaplain or officer in that prison feels that there is any risk in such added privilege. Personally I believe that Jesse Pomeroy would be An argu- perfectly safe in liberty, and I would not hesitate, were it in my power, not only to give him his freedom, but I would become personally responsible to article referred to. The real cure for that the wrong that Massachusetts has then rip the yoke from the front, the watching over his future career. I feel done to this man is the fact that an be Government ownership, but the dis- affli ted child was tried and punished gusset. as if he were a thoroughly responsible solliary conflicment without work was to the armhole. Cut from the bottom one that has never been inflicted on any other person in the annals of our coun-

> sonal friend, and he knows, and the offi- Then sew the yoke, sleeves and side ter from Past Commander T cials of Massachusetts know, that I stand seam ready to help him if ever the unfortunate public prejudice is removed by an intelligent understanding of the case. MAUD B. BOOTH. NEW YORK, January 10.

BUFFALO BILL

How the Government Scout Earned His Title TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I

notice by THE SUN that Buffalo Bill is probably passing through his last illness, and I wonder how many of your readers know how he came to be called by that name. Muny years ago when the Union

question arose as to how all the laboring men were to be fed on meat, as meat is necessary to make muscle. General W. E. Webb had the contract to feed the men, and in talking the matter over one day with some of his sub-

ordinates one of them suggested that Covernment scout on the plains, to help he be allowed to hire men and kill buffalo for the railroad men. This plan was adopted, and Cody became later world famous as Buffale

Bill. In those days the buffaloes were so plentiful that it is on record that more than one engineer had to stop his train until a herd had crossed. ADRIAN G. HEGEMAN. NEW YORK. January 10.

A Glance Into the Future Knicker-What will follow the war after Bocker-The peace after the peace.

INLAND PEARL FISHERIES AND MANUA **FACTORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

An Industry of Recent Growth Now Seriously Menaced by Failure of Conserve Its Source of Supply.

the human mind, which depends upon ing industry is carried on to even greater extent than it is abroad. Its est market. product amounts to many millions of dollars annually, and includes all jewels worth while, and the making of pearl buttons, which is an industry in itself. had its beginning in the high tariff imposed on imported buttons by the law

On account of the abundance of suitable mussels in the Mississippi River govern it are inadequate, we depend the first factory for the manufacture of pearl buttons from mustel shells was This erected at Muscatine, Ia., and the industry has grown to such an extent that it now employs nearly 15,000 persons, who turn out approximately 000,000 gross of buttons. To produce this amount there was used over 75,000 highly tempered steel about two in tons of mussel shells.

The principal species of mussel used for button making is generally known Sentenced. Says Mrs. Booth, to Solltary as the "niggerhead." They have the general shape of the common round clam, and are characterized by a very thick and heavy shell. They have black am sorry to read in so reliable a news- or dark brown outside skins and glistening white interiors, this being uniform

The "yellowback" or yellow sand cities during the last forty years that shell has a bright vellowish brown eniup as a dermis and a faintly cream colored in-These mussels are long and narrow and are highly valued in button sentimentalist. I have ever re- length, but they are not abundant and

A rare but very desirable mussel is I am sorry that you should known as the "butterfly" because of the chief value. They are placed in large shape of its valves. The flat shell is of "For Several species of "pocketbook" clam good button of medium thickness

making owing to being "hatchet back" and "blue point.

The fishermen are mostly peobranches of fening, or boatmen who are the available shell dredge operated by steam and the bar

The rakes are of several patterns but There as "scissor rakes," are similar to the in water as deep as fifteen feet, but person with busy fingers and an active usually in only ten feet or less. One of the attitude of rallway executives and brain would be tempted to pick at locks the ingenious devices contrived for takowners. A reflection made on the per- and dig at bricks if we were kept in ing mussels is known as the "crowfoot" solitary confinement without work. Even dredge or rake, and depends for its acthe officers who have guarded him, tion on the habits of the mussels. To a long bar are attached at inter-

fringement of prison discipline, have vals of six inches four pronged hooks twenty years old, continued fishing to made of stout wire four inches long. Jesse Pomeroy has never shown dur- The apparatus is thrown overboard from ing his forty years in prison any return a boat and the boat is allowed to drift fair to lead to serious espe- water, they quickly close on the books growth,

The meats either fall out or are likely to result in the look,

In our midwestern States the pearl-ng industry is carried on to even factory or taken by scows to the near

factory in covered sheds, according to kind. Preparatory to being used t are sorted into sizes, three of which are recognized in the trade. A prelim tnary step is the soaking of the shells is fresh water for several days to rende them less brittle, as they cannot be used in a dry state, in which they would crumble or split under the saw.

The first step in the making of a bu ton is the cutting or sawing rough blanks, Each shell with a special pliers while being cut, while a fine jet of water place . the shell to prevent the formation o dust and to keep the shell cool.

The saws are made of flat strips of wide and of varying lengths, corresponding to the sizes of buttons. The saws are fitted into heavy holders and these are adjusted to a lathe in the blanks are cut they pass hathe saw and holder and drop into a bo beneath the saw.

The next step is the dressing or grind ing of the back of the blank to remove the skin and make an even surface This is accomplished by holding each blank against a revolving emery next step, which gives to the front of depression. This is followed by driffing

The button is now complete with the exception of polishing. This process brings out the natural lustre lost grinding, which gives these buttons the wooden kegs, known as tumblers, which they are subjected to the actio of a chemical while the tumblers are revolved. After being washed and dete the buttons are sorted into sizes an Many shells have but little value in graded according to quality, sewed cards and packed in boxes

Although under the most favorable circumstances there is a heavy unavoid able loss of material, there is a certa The principal fishing is done in late amount of preventable waste I resents thousands of gross of but failure of the cutters to utilize all

It takes a niggerhead musset up normal conditions between twelve years to reach a length of threnches, while a shell four inches in length requires fro eighteen years. Owing to tive facility with which the to believe that depleted beds cuperate while the grounds on w fishing is being done The Bureau of Fisher efrom time to time sent out enough eggs produce vast quantities of shell tively new, probably not had a pronounced influence

on the tained large proportions facturing feature may be

digation with a view It suggested measures tion is finished the shells are loaded to annually.

A VETERAN'S PROTEST

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CHARLES A. S. MAC

HOW TO MEND SHIRTS. Shifting the Wear From the Neck- General Loud on the Action of the

band Down to the Armholes. To THE POINCE OF THE SEX. Sic. It's safe bet that three-fourths of the a veteran of the civil war-s who wear high turndown collars siderable war and mine n wear holes through their shirts near able service-1 feel as a he yoke and neck. Patching does little are yet among the living good and shows. The only way is to cut the torn part out. The simplicity of I feel especially thankful atthis method is only exceeded by its survived the chloroform pres-

value to millions of shirt owners. If the material is not too weak, this should double the wear of the shirt. Carefully rip the neckband from the front of the shirt as far as the yoke, Court of Appeals has book armhole, and down the side to the exceeded its authority

adult, and also that the senience of through by the collar, from the neck them concurring in this of the armhole as much in depth as has hibiting a citizen of this State been cut from the top, slope the neck ing a competitive examination for the collar band so that it will be ment or promotion in the shaped as before and then sew the front every month. I am glad to be his per- in place, beginning with the neckband,

> When French or turned back cuffs are frayed patch them up neatly with a service Commission refusionedle by hand, reverse the cuffs on tight of an examination the sleeve and they will wear as good as new. C. R. Q. PLEASANTVILLE, January 10.

THE WRONG BANK The Name of the Mercantile National

of Memphis Incorrectly Used. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Our attention has been called to an article which appeared in THE SUN of January calls ever-for my parts 5, 1917, headed "Speculation Causes

Suits." You state that: John L. Emerson, receiver for the Mercantile National Bank of Memphis, Tenn. began three suits in the United States. recover the official public service part of the money which the bank's president, C. Hunter Raine, lost by speculating world's map who are

in cotton futures, &c why not make one job of We desire to state that your publica- with knockout drops rather tion is in error. Your article evidently more at a time whomey he call in William Cody, then a famous refers to The Mercantile Bank, a State to feel a desire to better institution and entirely separate and by seeking promotion which solve the problem. Cody suggested that distinct from The Mercantile National sure it? J. D. McDowgill, Cashier, The Mercantile National Bank.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., January 8 New York, January 9. When Pat Gilmore Screnaded His I send The Gray Mare, From the Elizabethtown Post

Man and wife want job in camp. good cook and willing worker, particulars apply at this office. Kentucky Finds a Real Bootlegger. From the Maryaville Independent.

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Past Commander, G. A. H., Staff.

To the Entrop of The Sta-carly '80s Patrick Gimpre, les famous Gilmore's band, was a the Lotos Club, and evparaded on Fifth accounplay "Should Auld Acquainta

Ed Barlow was arrested yesterday af-ernoon. Four half plats of whiske, were Many times have I seen the NEW YORK, January 10.